

Kottan to help Pak cricket

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Pakistan have called in former Bangladesh football coach Austrian George Kottan to help their cricketers prepare for the Champions Trophy.

George Kottan, who was also hired by Pakistan's Football Association earlier this year, said he has been asked to give tips and lectures to the cricketers on improving their fitness for the tournament in South Africa starting later this month.

"Having played and coached football players all my life it is very different experience working on the fitness of cricketers," Kottan said on Saturday.

"But since cricket is such a big sport in Pakistan I got a good insight on how these guys work and achieve results."

Pakistan manager Yawar Saeed said the idea to invite Kottan to the training camp had come from captain Younus Khan.

"The players play football regularly in the camp and the feeling was that Kottan could give some valuable tips to the players as football is a very demanding sport," Saeed said.

Alvaro slates

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The long-serving Abahani coach believed the players could have got much better if they had another week or so for the conditioning camp.

"However, the physical condition of the players is better compared to the last season and I think it will be the key factor in the coming season," said Amolesh, who guided Abahani to two successive League titles.

Amolesh, however, was a bit worried as he was getting little time to work with the players with the ball.

Meanwhile, Ghanaian striker Awudu Ibrahim, who arrived here on Saturday, joined the camp and Abul Hossain, who left the conditioning camp following his fever, also joined the camp.

Aus clinch

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The experienced Paul Collingwood also couldn't seize the initiative, his 23 taking 39 balls and featuring a solitary boundary.

Owais Shah (40 off 48 balls) and Luke Wright (38 off 27) upped the tempo but by then England were behind the required run-rate.

"When you're chasing 260-odd you need one of your batters to get a big score," said England captain Andrew Strauss, himself out for 12.

"There were plenty of contributions but no one made a sizeable enough one to turn the game in our favour."

One consolation for England was the form of 21-year-old Adil Rashid.

In only his second match at this level, and first against Test opposition, the leg-spinner bowled 10 economical overs for 37 runs -- and on another day might have had Ferguson lbw for nought -- and then made a brisk 31 not out off 23 balls with four fours.

"We've always known Adil was a very talented individual with ball and bat," said Strauss. "Today, in a big game for him, I thought he was exceptional with the way he bowled."

"That's encouraging. He's got the capability to be a genuine all-rounder."

Fletcher

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have high expectancy on myself. No matter what the pressure the fans put on me, it won't be as much as I put on myself to do well for my country.

"That's part and parcel of football. I've been around for a few years now and I've learned how to deal with that type of thing. The pressure comes from myself first and foremost and expectancy is something you have to deal with."

Roman

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them six to seven days to reach the summit," said Mdesa.

He said Abramovich would also visit the Serengeti National park before he flies out of the country on September 11.

The Chelsea boss arrived in Tanzania on the day FIA fined his club and hit it with a ban on signing players until January 2011 as a punishment for their role in a contractual dispute.

The sanction came after FIFA's Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC) found Chelsea guilty of inducing French teenager player Gael Kakuta to break his contract with French first division club Lens.

Chelsea plan to appeal against the ruling.

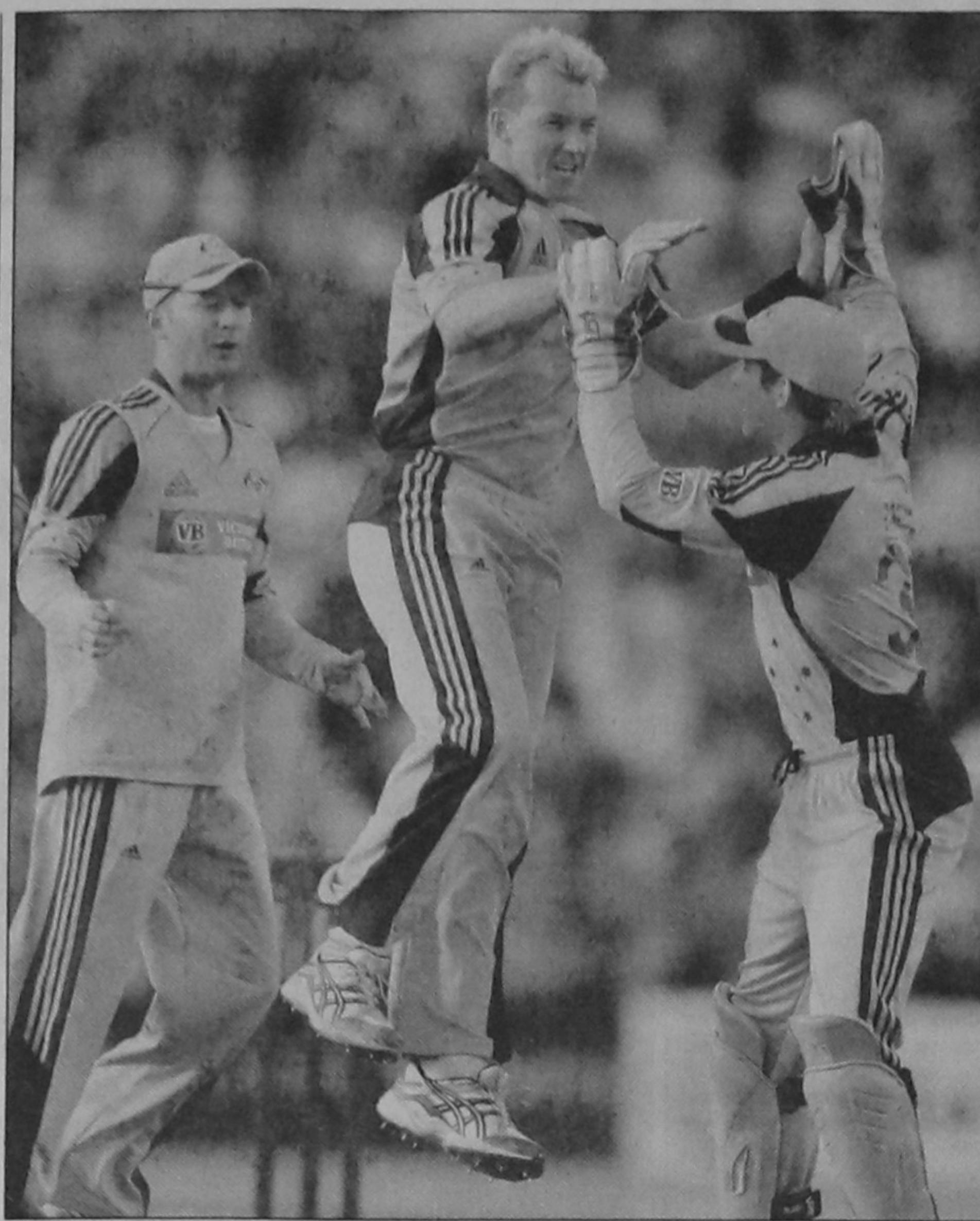


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Aussie fast bowler Brett Lee (C) celebrates with teammates after dismissing England captain Andrew Strauss (not in picture) in the first ODI of the seven match series at The Oval on Friday.

Renault in hot water

AFP, Paris



Renault were told on Friday they must appear before an extraordinary hearing of the FIA's World Motor Sport Council to answer charges that they caused a deliberate crash in last year's Singapore Grand Prix.

The meeting will take place on September 21 when team officials will be asked to account for Nelson Piquet's crash in the night race, after suspicions were raised that the accident was intentional with the aim of helping teammate Fernando Alonso win.

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Alonso's victory in Singapore came after he had enjoyed the advantage of refuelling just before Piquet's crash, which introduced the safety car period.

Piquet has denied all suggestions that he was ordered to crash and instead he has insisted that he spun off because he was pushing too hard.

Piquet was dismissed by Renault last month and was afterwards outspoken in his criticism of the team and team boss Flavio Briatore, describing the Italian as his executioner.

Later Friday, Renault said they would not comment on the incident.

"The Renault F1 Team acknowledges the FIA's request for representatives of the team to appear before the FIA World Motor Sport Council in Paris on the 21st of September 2009," said a team statement.

"Before attending the hearing, the team will not make any further comment."

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Veeru fought the system

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players are playing for India from Delhi. That is one good thing. Delhi has so much talent but talented players are not playing in Under-19 level. That's why I raised this issue."

Sehwag was reported to be seeking a move from Delhi, the state he has represented since 1998, to Haryana from the 2009-10 season onwards, because of interference in selection matters.

Along with Gautam Gambhir, his India teammate and Delhi vice-captain, he met Arun Jaitley, the Delhi and Districts Cricket Association president, in the presence of former India captain Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi last month to

resolve the issue last month.

Sehwag said the meeting had been positive and was happy Pataudi had attended it on his request.

Sehwag had earlier said

Jaitley assured him during the meeting that selectors with "ethics, integrity and spine" would be appointed.

He also denied rumours

that he had sought a move to Haryana because the association had promised him land in the state. "That is not true. Everybody knows me, I am a straightforward guy. If I wanted something I would go and ask the President of DDCA or somebody else. Haryana gave me land because of my second triple hundred, not because I

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